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## WITH GENERAL GRANT

See Who Served With Him Reclines the Great Soldier's Couch

Major Samuel C. Oliver, a member of the Loyal Legion, was in a reminiscent mood the other night and among other stories related this one of General Grant to a select few gathered around the open fire. The question, "Did you ever meet General Grant?" brought this reply: "I remember well the first time I ever talked with Grant. It was at Vicksburg, and I was a mere boy in age, though I had seen many months of service, as I went straight from old Miami University when the call came.

"I had orders to go to Grant's headquarters on business pertaining to the commissary department.

## PRIVATE CAR

Of President Spencer, of Southern Railway Wreck and the President Killed.

Seven persons, including Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway company, were killed at 4:45 o'clock on Thursday morning in a wreck caused by a rear end collision between two southbound passenger trains near Lawyers, Va., a station ten miles south of Lynchburg, on the Southern. Some of the dead, including Mr. Spencer, were burnt almost beyond recognition. Eleven people were injured. The cause of the wreck, now under investigation, is not yet established, but the responsibility is supposed to rest on the operator of the block signal at Langston, Va., which was destroyed and is to be replaced by the police.

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## ANOTHER MURDER

The Shots to Agony the Scene of a Shooting Scrape

Wreck was repaired here last Tuesday morning of another murder in the "Shack of Pombostant society, the victim being Isaac Arbogast Jr., a native and a resident of that community. The murder was committed Monday evening and the murderer hanged himself at the hands of an executioner by night. Presenting Attorney Hill went to the scene of the murder Tuesday morning and an inquest was held by Judge A. M. Howe. From the evidence to glean the following account of the murder:

Arbogast was married but had left his wife sometime before and on the leaving Marie Lambert, a young man of that community, had taken up his residence at the Arbogast home. Sometimes before the man had made a barrel of methyline, an intoxicating drink made by fermenting honey and water. Upon Arbogast's return to his home, after several months absence, he took a notice of the attempt to pay to his wife by Lambert for such a trivial matter a little thought of in the "Shack society, and the three lived together in comparative peace and kept some until the evening of the murder. On Monday evening Arbogast went home first in company with Kay Mellenas, a neighbor, and on their arrival they broke into Lambert's barrel of methyline. Lambert came home shortly after and Arbogast said, "We have got into your methyline, what do you think about it?" "I don't like it very d— well," replied Lambert. "Well," said Arbogast, "put me like it or let it alone just as you d— please." The quarrel kept up for some time and Arbogast was soon in a state of almost beastly intoxication. Lambert started to leave the house as if in going out the door took his shot gun with him. Mellenas tried to prevent Arbogast from following him but he was overpowered to do so. There

SPEAKING SAID

Went Upper Section to the Falls of the Ice

Another big raid was made on the illicit saloons at Dunbar Tuesday night of last week and an overall or creditable friend Johnny McTear, "Smitty" and another who refused to divulge his identity are languishing in the county jail. The raid was made by Lincoln Cochran, Pat and Ed Agnew and H. T. Kerchman. A large number of it rooms was found in the three places raided and a quantity of liquor and gambling paraphernalia was captured.

"Smitty" and the unknown to take put up a game fight when confronted by the officers, and was aided by a number of their friends. It was only after Kerchman got out his gun and plowed a furrow through the swabbed bones of the mob that the affair could be made.

Kerch Wright was arrested about the same time by Deputy Marshal Ben Cunningham. He was sentenced to 30 days in the Pombostant jail by Judge Dayton.

The other prisoners mentioned were brought to Marlinton as no accommodations. The sleeping quarters before Revere Bird were placed under \$1,000 bond which was not forthcoming and they were placed in jail. Grant Halterman, another person arrested on the same charge, was released on bail. It is the opinion of all who know anything at all about "Smitty" and the unknown men that they are a desperate pair and that they have a drive out on their heels in making the raid Cochran failed to turn over the warrants to Mellenas and on this took them to the warrant for them on the charge of assaulting an officer and obstructing.

Final News Killed

We do not know whether there are throughout the county he made a close inspection of the young orchards to ascertain the extent of the damage done by the freeze, but in the neighborhood





# ANOTHER MURDER

The Sinks in Again the Scene of a Shooting Scrape.

Word was received here last Tuesday morning of another murder in the "Sinks" of Pocahontas county, the victim being Isaac Arbogast, Jr., a native and a resident of that community. The murder was committed Monday evening and the murderers hime off a scowled death at the hands of an irate father by fight. Prosecuting Attorney Hill went to the scene of the murder Tuesday morning and an inquest was held by Judge A. M. Oliver. From the evidence we glean the following account of the murder.

Arbogast was married but had left his wife sometime before and on his leaving States Lambert, a young man of that community, had taken up his residence at the Arbogast home. Sometime before this the two men had made a barrel of methoglin, an intoxicating drink made by fermenting honey and water. Upon Arbogast's return to his home, after several months' absence, he took no notice of the attention paid to his wife by Lambert (for such a trivial matter is little thought of in the "Sinks" country) and the three lived together in comparative peace and happiness until the evening of the murder. On Monday evening Arbogast went home first in company with Kay Mullens, a neighbor, and on their arrival they broke into Lambert a barrel of methoglin. Lambert came home shortly after and Arbogast said, "We have got into your methoglin, what do you think about it?" "I don't like it very d— well," replied Lambert. "Well," said Arbogast, "you can like it or let it alone just as you d— please." The quarrel kept up for some time and Arbogast was soon in a state of almost beastly intoxication. Lambert started to leave the house and is going out the door took his shot gun with him.

## SPEARHEADS RAISED

More Liquor Dealers in the Path of the Law

Another big raid was made on the illicit retailers at Danvers Tuesday night of last week and as a result our erstwhile friend Johnny McIraw, "Smithy" and another who refused to disclose his identity are languishing in the county jail. The raid was made by Lincoln Cochran, Pat and Ed Simmons and S. T. Rockman. A large number of witnesses was found in the three places raided and a quantity of liquor and gambling paraphernalia was captured.

"Smithy" and the known retailer put up a game fight when confronted by the officers, and were aided by a number of their friends. It was only after Rockman got out his gun and plowed a furrow through the forehead of one of the mob that the arrest could be made.

Church Waybright was arrested about the same time by Deputy Marshal Dan Cunningham. He was sentenced to 30 days in the Pocahontas jail by Judge Dayton.

The other prisoners mentioned were brought to Washington and on examination Thanksgiving day before Squire Bird was placed under \$1,300 bond which was not forthcoming and they were placed in jail. Grant Haltzman, another person arrested on the same charge, was released on bail. It is the opinion of all who know anything at all about "Smithy" and the unknown man that they are a desperate pair and that they have a price set on their heads.

In making the raid Cochran failed to turn over the warrants to Rockman and on this technicality the warrant for them on the charge of assaulting an officer was dismissed.

Five Years Fined.

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Speaking of conditions at Jamestown Prof. Lewis says he spent two days on the exposition grounds and was not only surprised, but astonished at the work done. It is safe to say the conditions there are now far in advance of what they were in St. Louis, November preceding the opening of the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

The grounds are situated one mile from the corner of the city of Norfolk and four miles from Old Point Comfort, this being directly across Hampton Roads the best harbor in the world. The site assigned to West Virginia is one of the best in the exhibition grounds. The water willouby bay, a small inlet Hampton Roads are not 100 feet distant from the West Virginia building, and spread out on either hand are the waters of Chesapeake bay, Hampton roads and the great estuary of the lower James, so that the shores beyond are seen only in dim outline.

"The building adjoining that of West Virginia is that of Georgia and then of Ohio, Missouri, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and other states in order along the shore."

"I succeeded," said Prof. Lewis when asked how the historical exhibit would be placed in the history building, "in securing space in a portion of the west-